GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TASK FORCE TO FIGHT EXTREMISM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a separate task force in extremist, terrorist and naxal affected States;

(b) if so, the time by when it is likely to be set up and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to equip the Police Force of the affected States with modern weapons and impart them necessary technical training in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): There is no such proposal. However, States affected by such activities have set up Special Police Units to deal with such elements.

(c) & (d): The Government has been implementing the Modernization of Police Scheme which focuses on capacity building on the State Police Forces, especially for meeting the emerging challenges to internal security in the form of terrorism, naxalism, etc. All major items of police infrastructure, including construction of secure police stations/outposts, police lines, mobility, modern weaponry, security, surveillance, communication and forensic equipments, upgradation of training infrastructure, police housing, computerization etc. are covered under the Scheme.